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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120

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AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. Memorializes Congress to support the domestic beef industry.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to  
3 support the domestic beef industry.

4 WHEREAS, the value of the domestic beef industry is a vital and integral part of the  
5 United States economy; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2016 economic impact was approximately sixty-seven billion in  
7 farm cash receipts for cattle and calves; and

8 WHEREAS, there are over nine hundred thousand total cattle and calf operations in  
9 the United States of which ninety-one percent are family owned or individually operated,  
10 and eleven percent are operated by women; and

11 WHEREAS, domestic beef production in 2017 is estimated to be approximately  
12 twenty-five billion eight hundred million pounds; and

13 WHEREAS, the amount of beef consumed in the United States in 2016 was  
14 approximately twenty-five billion six hundred million pounds; and

15 WHEREAS, it is essential to the success of the domestic beef industry to increase  
16 international trade to key export markets; and

17 WHEREAS, the promotion of policies which highlight the quality, safety,  
18 sustainability, and nutritional value of domestic beef will drive growth in domestic beef

1 exports; and

2 WHEREAS, it is in the nation's best interest to protect against legislative policies or  
3 agency regulations that have a negative impact on the economic health of the domestic beef  
4 industry; and

5 WHEREAS, minor changes in future domestic beef import or export levels can  
6 significantly change the net beef supply and beef prices; and

7 WHEREAS, important steps to supporting the domestic beef industry include  
8 developing a comprehensive national strategy for including beef in future dietary guidelines  
9 and investing in necessary research to improve productivity and efficiency; and

10 WHEREAS, it is critical to the success of the domestic beef industry to identify  
11 barriers and develop strategies to attract and enable the next generation of farmers into the  
12 domestic beef industry; and

13 WHEREAS, terrorist attacks have heightened the nation's awareness of agriterrorism  
14 and placed a renewed focus on ensuring the protection of the nation's critical infrastructures,  
15 including the domestic beef food supply; and

16 WHEREAS, an intentional contamination of the domestic beef food supply could  
17 harm millions of people and cripple our vast agriculture system; and

18 WHEREAS, it is critical to preserve the United States domestic beef supply and  
19 prevent reliance on foreign nations for food; and

20 WHEREAS, it will be necessary to develop a variety of federal actions to support the  
21 domestic beef industry including proposals which encourage domestic beef production,  
22 improve consumer demand, protect our nation's critical infrastructure, attract new farmers,  
23 improve the business climate, and increase trade to export markets.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
25 memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to  
26 support the domestic beef industry.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
28 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of  
29 Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States  
30 Congress.

